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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- A display apparatus comprising: 1. (Previously Amended) a primary display device for a computer for displaying a first set of information; and at least one secondary display device for the computer, the at least one secondary display device operatively coupled to the computer and stored in a housing adjacent to the primary display device, such that the at least one secondary display device can be extended from the housing and used to display a second, different set of information for the computer.
- 2. The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one secondary (Original) display device is operatively coupled to the primary display device
- 3. The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one secondary (Original) display device is held in an extended position with a spring loaded switch when the at least one secondary display device is extended from the housing.
- 4. The display apparatus of claim 3, wherein the spring loaded switch (Original) provides a conductive path for a transmission of a reconfiguration signal to the computer when the at least one secondary display device is extended from the housing.
- 5. The display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the computer reconfigures the (Original) primary display device and the at least one secondary display device to provide single session support upon receiving the reconfiguration signal, independent of a restart of the computer.
- The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one secondary 6. (Original) display device is extended from a side of the housing.

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- 7. (Original) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one secondary display device is operatively coupled to the computer through a flat printed cable (FPC).
- 8. (Original) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one secondary display device and the primary display device are operatively coupled to the computer through a single inverter board.
- 9. (Original) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the primary display device and the at least one secondary display device are each operatively coupled to the computer through a single inverter board using a single FPC.
- 10. (Original) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the primary display device is operatively coupled to the computer through a single inverter board using a first FPC and wherein the at least one secondary display device is operatively coupled the computer through the single inverter board using a second FPC.
- 11. (Original) The display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one secondary display device includes a first secondary display device extended from a side of the housing and a second secondary display device extended from a top of the housing.
- 12. (Original) The display apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one hinge coupling the at least one secondary display device to the housing.
- 13. (Previously Amended) A system comprising:
 - a computer;
- a primary display device operatively coupled to the computer for displaying a first set of information; and
- at least one secondary display device operatively coupled to the primary display device and stored in a housing behind the primary display device, such that the at least one secondary



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display device can be extended from the housing and used to display a second, different set of information for the computer.

- The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one secondary display device 14. (Original) is held in an extended position with a spring loaded switch when the at least one secondary display device is extended from the housing.
- The system of claim 14, wherein the spring loaded switch provides a 15. (Original) conductive path for a transmission of a reconfiguration signal to the computer when the at least one secondary display device is extended from the housing.
- The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one secondary display device 16. (Original) is extended from a side of the housing.
- The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one secondary display device 17. (Original) is extended from a top of the housing.
- The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one secondary display device 18. (Original) is operatively coupled to the computer through a flat printed cable (FPC) cable.
- 19. The system of claim 13, wherein the primary display device and the at (Original) least one secondary display device is operatively coupled to the computer through a single inverter board using a single FPC.
- The system of claim \(\frac{1}{3} \), wherein the primary display device is operatively 20. (Original) coupled to the computer through a single inverter board using a first FPC and wherein the at least one secondary display device is operatively coupled the computer through the single inverter board using a second FPC.



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21. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one secondary display device includes a first secondary display device extended from a side of the housing and a secondary display device extended from a top of the housing.

22. (Original)

A system comprising:

a computer;

a primary display device operatively coupled to the computer;

at least one secondary display device operatively coupled to the primary display device and stored in a housing behind the primary display device, such that the at least one secondary display device can be extended from the housing and used to display information for the computer; and

a reconfiguration module located in the computer, comprising machine readable instruction for causing the computer to perform a method, wherein the reconfiguration module is initiated when the at least one secondary display device is extended from the housing, the method including:

displaying a reconfiguration screen on the primary display device, the reconfiguration screen including a number of reconfiguration options;

receiving one of the number of reconfiguration options based on a user input; and reconfiguring the computer such that the computer displays information in the at least one secondary display device and the primary display device based on the one of the number of reconfiguration options.

23. (Previously Amended) A method for displaying, comprising:

extending at least one secondary display device from a housing, wherein the housing is located behind a primary display device; and

displaying different sets of information at the at least one secondary display device and the primary display device that is received from a computer that is operatively coupled to the at least one secondary display device and the primary display device.



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- 24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the at least one secondary display device behind the housing for the primary device.
- 25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising transmitting a reconfiguration signal to the computer when the at least one secondary display device is extended.
- 26. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising reconfiguring the computer to display to both the at least one secondary display device and the primary device.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein extending the at least one secondary display device from the housing includes extending the at least one secondary display device from a side of the housing.
- 28. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein displaying information received from the computer that is operatively coupled to the at least one secondary display device and the primary display device includes transmitting the information through a single inverter board using a single FPC to the primary display device and the at least secondary display device.
- 29. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein extending the at least one secondary display device from the housing includes extending a first secondary display device from a side of the housing and extending a second secondary display device from a top of the housing.
- 30. (Original) A method for displaying, comprising:

detecting when at least one secondary display device is extended from a housing, wherein the housing is located behind a primary display device;

transmitting a reconfiguration signal to a computer operatively coupled to the at least one secondary display device and the primary display device; and

reconfiguring the computer such that the computer displays information in the at least one secondary display device and the primary display device.



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31. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising displaying a reconfiguration screen on the primary display device and wherein reconfiguring the computer is based on a user input received from the reconfiguration screen.

32. (Original) A method for displaying, comprising:

display device and the primary display device; and

storing at least one secondary display device in a housing located behind a primary display device;

extending the at least one secondary display device from the housing;
detecting when at least one secondary display device is extended from a housing;
transmitting a reconfiguration signal to a computer when the at least one secondary
display device is extended, the computer operatively coupled to the at least one secondary

reconfiguring the computer such that the computer displays information in the at least one secondary display device and the primary device.

33. (Previously Added) A display apparatus comprising:

a primary display device for a computer for displaying information from a session; and
at least one secondary display device for the computer, the at least one secondary display
device operatively coupled to the computer and stored in a housing adjacent to the primary
display device, such that the at least one secondary display device can be extended from the
housing and used to display further information from the session.

34. (NEW) A display apparatus comprising:

a primary display device for a computer for displaying primary information from an application running on the computer; and

at least one secondary display device for the computer, the at least one secondary display device operatively coupled to the computer and stored in a housing adjacent to the primary



display device, such that the at least one secondary display device can be extended from the housing and used to display tertiary information from the application.

- 35. (NEW) The display apparatus of claim 34, wherein the tertiary information comprises tools for the application.
- 35. (NEW) The display apparatus of claim 34, wherein the at least one secondary display device is held in an extended position with a spring loaded switch when the at least one secondary display device is extended from the housing.
- 36. (NEW) The display apparatus of claim 35, wherein the spring loaded switch provides a conductive path for a transmission of a reconfiguration signal to the computer when the at least one secondary display device is extended from the housing.
- 37. (NEW) The display apparatus of claim 36, wherein the computer reconfigures the primary display device and the at least one secondary display device to provide single session support upon receiving the reconfiguration signal, independent of a restart of the computer.
- 38. (NEW) The display apparatus of claim 34, wherein the at least one secondary display device is extended from a side of the housing.
- (NEW) The display apparatus of claim 34, wherein the at least one secondary display 39. device includes a first secondary display device extended from a side of the housing and a second secondary display device extended from a top of the housing.
- 40. (NEW) A system comprising: a computer;

a primary display device operatively coupled to the computer for displaying primary information associated with an application running on the computer; and



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at least one secondary display device operatively coupled to the primary display device and stored in a housing behind the primary display device, such that the at least one secondary display device can be extended from the housing and used to display tertiary information associated with the application.